

## News Release

# J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz Named Vice Chancellor for Finance and University Services at UMC Extensive Experience and Leadership Skills Asset to University Team

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J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz

CROOKSTON, MN (July 17, 2006) – The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) has filled a key role with the recent hiring of J. Eric Johnston-Ortiz as vice chancellor for finance and University services. He will oversee UMC's annual budget process of more than \$20 million, serving some 1,200 fulltime students and 220 faculty and staff. Johnston-Ortiz will begin his new role at UMC in mid-August.

Along with managing the budget process, Johnston-Ortiz will serve as the primary liaison representing and advocating UMC's interests to the University of Minnesota administration and guide long-range planning. He brings a wealth of experience to this new role both in the area of financial management and leadership.

UMC Chancellor Charles Casey is extremely pleased to have secured Johnston-Ortiz for the position, an individual with an extensive background in the profession who has made valuable contributions in evolving organizations. “The expertise that Eric brings to this position, along with his leadership experience, makes him an exciting addition to our administrative team. He has the vision and skills to provide strong leadership with a dedication to our mission as a higher education institution.”

Most recently, Johnston-Ortiz served as the campus financial officer at New Mexico State University at Alamogordo, a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). His experience includes oversight of comprehensive budget processes, administration of complex financial and operational activities, and service on administrative and leadership committees. Previous to that, he was the department administrator in the Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at Brown University in Providence, R.I. and business manager in the Department of Pharmacology at Louisiana State University Health Science Center in Shreveport. Johnston-Ortiz holds a bachelor's from Brigham Young University and a master of business administration from the University of New Orleans. He is also a member of the Institute of Managerial Accountants. The University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) is a four-year baccalaureate degree granting institution, dedicated to learning, discovery, and engagement in the northwest Minnesota region and beyond. To learn more, visit [www.UMCrookston.edu](http://www.UMCrookston.edu).

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